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Office Action Summary

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date NONE.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to filters, classified in class 455, subclass 339.
 - II. Claims 15-19, drawn to amplifier, classified in class 455, subclass 253.2.
 - III. Claims 20-28, drawn to oscillator, classified in class 455, subclass 313.
1. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
 2. During a telephone conversation with Mr. Dana Maine on 02/08/2008 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group 1, claims 1-14. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claim 15-28 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.
 - 3.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 7, 8, 9, 14 are objected to because of the following informalities: The claims recite third and fourth filter which are not showing in the drawing. Appropriate correction is required. Examiner relies on his own interpretation for examination of these claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dewitt (Patent No.: 3727147).

With respect to claim 1:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus comprising a plurality of low pass filters (fig.3, item 1-7) coupled to a common mode rejection amplifier (fig.3, item 100) to produce a band pass amplifier response.

With respect to claim 2:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus wherein the plurality of low pass filters includes a first low pass filter having a first corner frequency and a second low pass filter having a second corner frequency and wherein the band pass amplifier response is substantially between the first corner frequency and second corner frequency (col.4, line 1-24).

With respect to claim 4:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus wherein the common mode rejection amplifier comprises a differential amplifier (col.5, line 66-67).

With respect to claim 5

Dewitt teaches an apparatus wherein the differential amplifier includes two parallel-coupled differential input stages coupled to the plurality of low pass filters (fig.3).

With respect to claim 6:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus comprising an input stage having first and second differential output wherein the plurality of low pass filters comprises the first and second low pass filter coupled to the first differential output and the third and fourth coupled to the second differential out. This can be done by renumbering the filters in fig.3.

With respect to claim 8:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus comprising first and second differential input node (fig.3, item 104,106), first and second low pass filters coupled to the first differential input node, third and fourth low pass filter coupled to the second differential input node and a differential amplifier (fig.3, item 100) with two parallel input stages (fig3, item 104, 106) coupled to the first, second, third and fourth low pass filter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 3, 7, 9, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dewitt (Patent No.: 3727147) and further in view of Isberg (Patent No.: 6029052).

With respect to claim 3 and 9:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus comprising a plurality of low pass filters (fig.3, item 1-7) coupled to a common mode rejection amplifier (fig.3, item 100) to produce a band pass amplifier response. Dewitt differs from claim invention in that one of the filters does not have a programmable response. Isberg teaches a filter with programmable response (col.5, line 27-32). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a filter with programmable response. Modifying Dewitt with Isberg invention will help in easy implementation so as to further simplify the circuitry.

With respect to claim 7:

Dewitt teaches a plurality of low pass filter which are parallel to each other (fig.3), it is obvious that combination of plurality of LPF will make a single low pass filter which can have a corner frequency and combination of other would make a single LPF with another corner frequency as in (fig.4, col.4, line 1-24).

With respect to claim 14:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus wherein the P1 and P2 which can also be represented by LPF1 and LPF2 exhibit a frequency corresponding to the corner frequency of a band pass response and P6 and P7 which can also be represented by LPF6 and LPF7

exhibit a frequency corresponding to a second corner frequency of the band pass filter (col.6, line 3- 23).

6. Claim 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dewitt (Patent No.: 3727147) and further in view of Isberg (Patent No.: 6029052) and Fanous (Pub. No.: US 2003/02060663A1).

With respect to claim 10:

Dewitt teaches an apparatus comprising a plurality of low pass filters (fig.3, item 1-7) coupled to a common mode rejection amplifier (fig.3, item 100) to produce a band pass amplifier response. Dewitt differs from claim invention in that one of the filters does not have a programmable response. Isberg teaches a filter with a programmable response. Dewitt and Isberg differ from claim invention in that automatic gain control circuit is not taught. Fanous teaches automatic gain control circuit having a transistor to shunt a pair of differential output node from the differential amplifier (fig4, item 454). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have AGC to shunt a pair of differential output node. Modifying Dewitt and Isberg with Fanous invention will help in controlling the voltage at the output node of the differential amplifier.

With respect to claim 11 and 12:

Fanous further teaches an automatic gain control coupled to sense a voltage on the first and second differential input nodes (fig.4).

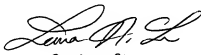
With respect to claim 13:

Fanous teaches an apparatus comprising an input amplifier coupled to receive an input signal and to drive the first and second differential input nodes (fig.4, item 408).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajibola Akinyemi whose telephone number is (571) 270-1846. The examiner can normally be reached on monday- friday (8.30-5pm) Est. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LANA LE can be reached on (571) 272-7891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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